A WHISTLER STORY.

The Eagle That Was Made to Pose as a Fighting Cock.

Apropos of something Whistler once fold a cockfight story so vividly that tell it a well, mimic it so keenly and ard: enjoy it so thoroughly. It was a story of a strange recies of the American cock, pictured to the smallest detail so beautifully that one forgot that it was

Some American sailors were at a cocklight in a seaport own in England when one of them remarked to the owner of the champion;

"We have got an American cock on board that can whip any bird here."

"Go fetch 'im on," said the champion. "Chuck 'im in and see. If 'e licks one bird we 'ave plenty more to throw in that can lick hany blawsted Hamerican bird you can fetch 'ere."

"All right, We'll bring one," said the sailors. When they got aboard they rigged up an American engle. After their own manner, they painted, trimmed, spliced and reefed fore and aft. transforming the engle to a cock. When ready they went ashore to pit their new American gamecock against ail England.

At the pit the sailors chucked in their cock, which looked around for other surprises as he backed close to the wall.

"Now, bring on your birds!" yelled the sailors. A strutting cock was thrown into the pit and was another surprise to the poor dismantied eagle. He backed up closer and closer to the wall, wondering what would happen next. The cock walked three times majestically around the circle, cuffing at his strange opponent, the eagle pitiably abashed and bedrabbled, crouching lower and lower and looking around and above him for an explanation of what it all meant, while the growd were yelling madly for the English fighter. The eagle made himself smaller and smaller, but at last, finding that he could get back no further and thinking that something was expected of him, and, as the cock cashed at him again, stretched out his long claws and took his opponent by the neck.

Here Whistler ended with an imitation by motions of what the eagle did. He stretched out his arm, shaped his hand like a claw, which by this time looked like a real one, drew it to his mouth and with one bite pulled off the head as he thought an eagle might do it. Then he looked blandly about the room, as the eagle had done, at the astonished crowd and said, "Now bring on your other birds."-Otto Bacher in

TOWNS WITH TROUBLES.

London's trouble is her fog.

Tokyo's trouble is earthquires. In her worst 200,000 residents whe killed, The mistral is the trouble of Marseilles, an east wind that increases the city's death rate 50 per cent,

Calcutta's trouble is cholera, and the bubonic plague is the trouble of Bombay. Each city pays to her trouble an annual tribute of 9,000 souls.

Bagdad's trouble is the "Bagdad button," a sore that attacks practically every resident and visitor, leaving a button shaped permanent scar.

Madrid's trouble is the solano, a summer wind from the southeast. It is exceedingly hot and is accompanied by blinding, choking clouds of dust, so that notwithstanding a temperature of 105 or 110 degrees all windows must be closed.-Philadelphia Bulletin,

The Science of Chemistry.

Chemistry did not become a science -in other words, chemistry proper did not exist-until the seventeenth century, and it was as late as the middle of the eighteenth century before it began to amount to much. The old alchemy undoubtedly contained the germs, or at least the possibilities, of the present day chemistry, but beyond this the relationship between the modern science and the ancient delusion is slight indeed. Still, it cannot be denied that it was in the foolish search for the "Philosopher's Stone" and the "Elixir of Life" that men first hit upon the discoveries which were destined to develop into the great science of today .- New York American.

The Sarcastic Cabby.

The London bobby is notorious for overgrown feet and hands. Likewise the London cabby is generally accredited with never being at a loss for a reply. One day a bobby lifted up his hand majestically to halt a cabby, but the latter crowded his borse ahead. "Didn't you see me raise my 'and?"

demanded the bobby.

"I did see the sky darken a moment, but my 'orse was shyin' at your feet," retorted the cabby as he whipped up and went on .- London Graphic.

Shut Him Off.

"What are you taking for your cold?" "Nothing."

"Nothing? But, my dear fellow"-"Nothing, I say, not even advice Pine day, isn't it?"-Hustrated Bite

The lists of English authors and their works give the titles of ever 800 posins and essays on "Solituda."

THE LIGHTNING ROD.

Franklin's Theory Was Known Away Back In Talmudic Times.

In an article on "Current Topics In Ancient Literature" J. D. Eisenstein oni, a man with a sailor instinct could says in the Sydney (Australia) Stand-

> "The lightning rod was invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1752 to arrest the electricity of the thunder. When the information of the discovery reached Rabbi Saul Katzenellenbogen of Wilna, he said that the theory was not new, because it was already known in Talmudic times, and he showed a passage in the Toseffa (third century) where it says that 'on Sabbath it is permitted to place an iron near the hennery to safeguard the fowls from Over Duston & Co' Bank. thunder and lightning strikes.' The Talmud vouches that 'there is nothing superstitions about this belief.' (Tosef. Shabb, chapter 6, end.)

"The system of telegraphy, in a crude manner, is curiously described by Judah b. Jacob Chayat in his commentary to 'The System of Theology' chapter, 'The Gate of the Charlot' (see page 218b. ed., Ferrara, 1558). Chayat is perhaps the first Hebrew author who transliterates the term 'magnet,' and he explains the physical phenomena as follows: 'If you break the magnet into two parts and separate them at any distance, even a thousand miles apart, any movement caused by a joining wire to one part will be repeated by the other part' (quoted also in Shelah, page 30a, ed., Amsterdam, 1708)."

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The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of

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S. H. WIENGES.
pd Clerk Circuit Court Alachua Co., Fla.

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